

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 12 and continuing through line 17 as follows:

Figure 3 shows a sequence alignment of OATP family members. The protein sequences of human OATP2 (SEQ ID NO:2), OATP-RP1 (SEQ ID NO:12), OATP-RP2 (SEQ ID NO:4), OATP-RP3 (SEQ ID NO:6), OATP-RP4 (SEQ ID NO:8), and OATP-RP5 (SEQ ID NO:10) are aligned with the following other known OATP family members[.]: roatp2 (SEQ ID NO:23), roatp3 (SEQ ID NO:24), rOAT-K1 (SEQ ID NO:25); roatp1 (SEQ ID NO:26); hOATP (SEQ ID NO:27); and hPGT (SEQ ID NO:28). Also shown is a consensus sequence in bold (SEQ ID NO:29). A consensus is indicated if at least 6 out of the 12 sequences are identical at a given position. A residue is capitalized if it agrees with the consensus.